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SUBJECT: IRANIAN REQUEST FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY EXPERTS THROUGH IAEA

REF: TEHRAN 5870

1. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, MISSION OBTAINED CONFIRMATION FROM MUTRU OF IAEA STAFF THAT GOI HAS SUBMITTED OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR, INTER ALIA, TWO NUCLEAR SAFETY EXPERTS FOR ONE-YEAR ASSIGNMENTS EACH UNDER AGENCY'S 1978 TECYNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) PROGRAM. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENCY, UNDERSTAND IRANIAN REP CYRUS SAMII INDICATED THAT USNRC HAD EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE THESE EXPERTS THROUGH IAEA.

2. AGENCY'S 1978 TA PROGRAM WILL NOT RPT NOT BE PUT TOGETHER UNTIL AFTER GENERAL CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER. IT  
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WILL BE CONSIDERED BY TA COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER, AND

IMPLEMENTATION CAN BEGIN AFTER FIRST OF NEW YEAR.

3. DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH SAMII, MISOFF WAS LED TO BELIEVE GOI WANTED THESE EXPERTS ON AN URGENT BASIS, AND MOREOVER, THAT GOI WAS WILLING TO PAY THE

COSTS INVOLVED. MUTRU OF AGENCY STAFF GOT SAME IMPRESSION.

4. IF INDEED GOI NEEDS THESE EXPERTS BEFORE JANUARY 1978 AND IS WILLING TO PAY THE COSTS INVOLVED, GOI SHOULD BE ADVISED TO AMEND ITS REQUEST FOR THESE EXPERTS, NOTING SPECIFICALLY THAT EXPERTS ARE DESIRED ON AN EXPEDITIOUS BASIS, AND THAT GOI IS WILLING TO COVER ALL COSTS INVOLVED THROUGH A FUNDS-IN-TRUST ARRANGEMENT WITH IAEA. THIS WOULD ENABLE IAEA TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IN SEEKING EXPERTS FOR THESE ASSIGNMENTS, WHICH THEY ARE OTHERWISE UNABLE TO DO. (MISOFF ADVISED MUTRU THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO MOVE VERY FAR IN LINING UP EXPERTS IN ABSENCE OF A REQUEST FROM IAEA).

5. MISSION BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO REITERATE FOREGOING TO DR. FARZIN IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE HE HAS A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF MATTER.

6. FYI. WE UNDERSTAND GOI HAS REQUESTED TOTAL OF 140 MAN-MONTHS OF EXPERT SERVICES IN WIDE RANGE OF FIELDS RELATING TO ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM. WE CAN FORESEE SERIOUS PROBLEMS AHEAD FOR IRAN IN TA COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS IF VALUE OF IRAN'S REQUESTED ASSISTANCE EXCEEDS THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO AGENCY'S OPERATONAL FUND, FROM WHICH TA IS FUNDED. FACT THAT GOI REDUCED ITS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FROM \$70,000 IN 1975 TO \$20,000 IN 1976 AND ONLY \$20,000 AGAIN IN 1977 IS HARDLY GOING TO HELP THEIR CASE. END FYI. STONE

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